

# YANKS FIRE INTO CAMBODIA

May Stall  
Elections  
In Viet

## Ky 'Tries' To Keep His Promise

QUANG NGAI, South Viet Nam (AP) — Premier Nguyen Cao Ky indicated today that the crucial general elections may be postponed.

"We will try to hold the elections by October," he said in an interview at the fortified airbase at Quang Ngai.

His original pledge in the face of Buddhist unrest a month ago was to have the vote "within three to five months," indicating September at the latest.

Ky made an unscheduled flight to this northern province to have a look at war-battered villages wrested recently from Viet Cong control.

He made his tour in a U.S. Marine helicopter. Troops deployed and a plane constantly flew cover as the head of the military junta stepped over the scars of Viet Nam's fighting and tragedy.

He was greeted by silent crowds of men and women gathered near shell-smashed homes surrounded by fields sprayed by crop-killing chemicals.

At the airbase, Ky was met by Gen. Ton That Dinh, commander of the northernmost 1st Corps area. Dinh was named last April 10 to bring the troublesome area within the central government fold.

**'GREAT PROGRESS'**  
"Pacification is progressing," Ky said. "In this area alone, 2,000 Viet Cong were killed in the past two months. This is great progress."

The premier, dressed in his uniform of vice air marshal, said that pacification must "be carried effectively throughout the country" to permit the vote.

Asked whether he felt the vote can be carried out as promised, Ky replied: "We will try to hold the elections by October. If we are strong and determined, we can do it."

On the elections, hinges Viet Nam's political future. The Ky government pledged them in the face of increasing demands for a civilian regime.

**R. Gersonde  
Of St. Joe  
Dies At 68**

## Well Known As Church Worker

Ralph Gersonde, 68, a prominent St. Joseph churchman and local businessman died at 6:30 a.m. today in Memorial hospital. He had been ill since November and seriously ill for four weeks.

Mr. Gersonde was a leading member of Trinity Lutheran church and sales manager of Gersonde Equipment Co., Benton Harbor. He resided at 850 Mohawk Lane.

Mr. Gersonde was born in St. Joseph Jan. 23, 1898, the son of Herman A. and Augusta Kasiche Gersonde. On Aug. 11, 1935, he married the former Dorothy Herrmann.

He was a graduate of St. Joseph high school in 1917 and a veteran of World War I. He worked at the Henry Gersonde Clothing store from 1918 to 1941, when he joined Troost Bros. Furniture. In 1943, went to Edward Gersonde Equipment Co. as sales manager until he became ill.

**Gersonde** died Saturday, survivors

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Bat Man boots. Hal's Clo. Adv.

B. H. Hollis open again. Better than ever Country Fried Chick.

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## Blossoms Brighten Soldiers' Day



Blossom Queen Sandy McGowan (right) and her two maids of honor, Martha Krause of Berrien Springs and Susan Tietz (second from right) spread a lot of cheer among seriously wounded soldiers and sailors in the Great Lakes hospital

during their recent visit to Chicago. So responsive to the smiles — and the apples they handed out — were the patients that the three queens overstay their original visiting schedule. They toured eight full wards and were leg-weary when they left at

the end of a half-day. Here they seek to give a boost to Cpl. Ron Havener of Niles, who lost part of his left leg in Viet Nam combat. (Photos by Redman).

## All Politicians Love A Parade!

### Romney Invited; Others Ask, Get Bids, Too

Three of Michigan's top political rivals will vie for crowd acclaim Saturday at the Grand Floral Parade.

Popularity contestants are the once familiar visage of former Gov. G. Mennen (Soapy) Williams against the Republican team of Gov. George Romney and Congressman Robert P. Griffin.

They are scheduled to dine on the same fare at a pre-parade dignitaries luncheon at the Whitcomb hotel. Romney is the official parade grand marshal, a performance that in other years has earned the title of "Walking George" because he disdains the use of an auto in order to shake hands with voters.

"EQUAL TIME"

Williams and Griffin have "official" invitations to attend after their backers suggested appearances on an equal time basis. They have been assigned to dignitaries' autos for the parade route, according to the office of Blossomtime, Inc., being careful not to discriminate against candidates in an election year.

Griffin has the Republican organization blessing for nomination in the U.S. Senate race. The Traverse City legislator is considered a leading choice for appointment by Romney to the Senate seat of the late Patrick McNamara. This would elevate his candidacy to an incumbent's status for primary and runoff elections.

Williams returns to Michigan politics as a candidate for the Democratic nomination to the Senate. He is opposed by Detroit Mayor Jerome Cavanagh and James Elsman Detroit, formerly of Kalamazoo.

Romney has no apparent opposition from his party if he decides to run again for governor.

Elsman has indicated that he also will be on the Blossomtime

### Army Will Draft 43 Area Men

From Associated Press

LANSING — The Michigan Selective Service system issued a call Monday for 1,225 inductees for the Army in June.

Col. Arthur Holmes, state selective service director, said the June call is the smallest, since the armed forces buildup started last September.

Induction quotas for Southwestern Michigan boards were:

Allegan 5; Berrien 27; Cass 2; Van Buren 9.

### Heavy Vote By Negroes

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. (AP) — Early indications pointed to a massive turnout, especially by Negroes, in today's Alabama Democratic primary, first major test of Negro voting strength in the South since passage of the 1965 Voting Rights Act.



Pfc. Larry Massie of Allegan, recovering from Viet Nam wounds to the point where he can get around the hospital on crutches, had a real big smile in return for those he got from the southwestern Michigan beauties. The girls said the experience of visiting the wounded heroes made the rest of their Chicago visit pale into insignificance.

Walter Redman, the veteran Benton Harbor photographe who took these pictures, said the queens' hospital visit had more emotional impact than any event he's seen in years of covering Blossom Week activities. "Those boys just didn't want to let the girls go. The young ladies were wonderful, natural and friendly. The response to their visit was worth all the effort that's gone into Blossomtime."

## Many Building Jobs Stop

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## Result Of Construction Strike

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Work on many major construction jobs throughout southwestern Michigan was reported halted or grinding to a halt today following the start of a strike Monday by five labor unions covering a 19-county western Michigan area.

Construction on the new Berrien county courthouse continued unimpeded today, since the

building has reached the stage where laborers are not needed. Skilled tradesmen were reported on the job there, unhindered by picket lines.

### CASS COLLEGE

Another large job that was halted, however, was the new Southwestern Michigan college at Dowagiac. A spokesman for Gosnick Construction company

reported labor picket lines went up there and at a truck stop service center in New Buffalo at 7:30 a.m. today.

Also affected by the strike and picket lines were a new elementary school at Berrien Springs, the Michigan Fruit Canners warehouse at Fennville, and various other job sites throughout Berrien and sur-

rounding counties.

Laborers walked off the job after refusing to ratify a new three-year contract with the Southwestern Michigan Contractors Association Saturday, apparently in a dispute over wages.

Construction shutdowns re-

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## Secrecy Finally Removed

## Warns Of Price For Aiding Reds

SAIGON, South Viet Nam (AP) — The United States tore away a thin veil of official secrecy from U.S. military operations along the Cambodian frontier today by acknowledging for the first time that U.S. forces have fired across the international border.

The announcement by the U.S. command in Saigon indirectly warned Cambodia's chief of state, Prince Norodom Sihanouk, that he can expect more action against his territory if he continues to let the Viet Cong use it for attacks on American forces in South Viet Nam.

A U.S. spokesman said American artillerymen unleashed a heavy barrage Saturday to silence "very heavy" automatic weapons and mortar fire from across the border on a battalion of the U.S. 1st Infantry Division. The "Big Red One" was sweeping the South Vietnamese side of the Cai Bac River in Tay Ninh Province, 75 miles northwest of Saigon, long suspected of headquartering the Viet Cong's political arm, the National Liberation Front.

The GIs have seized hundreds of tons of Viet Cong supplies in the past nine days of their sweep — Operation Birmingham — in the jungled area. It is the largest Communist cache taken in the war.

**DECEMBER WARNING** ...

The State Department declared last December that U.S. commanders in the field had been authorized to enter or fire on Cambodian territory if it was being used by troops attacking American forces. Sihanouk and his representatives have repeatedly denied that the Viet Cong were using Cambodia as a sanctuary.

There have been repeated unofficial reports of U.S. troops firing into Cambodia, but the disclosure today was the first official acknowledgment.

The spokesman said the decision to shell the Viet Cong across the frontier was made by the battalion commander on the spot.

Field commanders are authorized to take any means at their disposal to protect their troops, the spokesman said. The area shelled contained no villages and the nearest settlement was about five miles away, he added.

The spokesman gave this report of the shelling.

### SILENCE FOE

The 1st Division battalion ran into heavy Viet Cong sniper fire as it approached the village of La Go, on the Vietnamese side of the Cai Bac River. The battalion overran the enemy position, killing eight Viet Cong.

At this point, the Americans received heavy-mortar and automatic-weapon fire from Viet Cong positions on the Cambodian side.

The battalion commander called for artillery support, and U.S. artillery units unloaded a heavy volume of shells into the jungle on the Cambodian side, silencing the enemy fire.

American casualties in the action were light, and there was no estimate of Viet Cong casualties across the river.

The 1st Division continued to find Viet Cong supplies. The U.S. spokesman said the haul to date included 1,367 tons of rice, 6,800 uniforms, 1,200 pairs of

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**GMC Loses Discounter Suit**

Last week the U.S. Supreme Court unanimously overruled a lower federal court opinion absolving General Motors Corporation and its Los Angeles Chevrolet dealers for damages under the anti-trust statutes.

The successful plaintiffs were a group of L.A. discount houses which GMC and most of its Los Angeles dealers had shut off from a supply of new cars from some L.A. dealers who had been wholesaling Chevys to the discounters.

The government lost its first round to breach the cut-off arrangement. This was a criminal prosecution under the Sherman Act and until the high court ruled last week in a civil action under the same statute, the Justice Department had been well on its way to losing the second round.

Technically, the action was not one of the many fair trade cases which have been prominent in the courts in recent years. Fair trade is a unilateral declaration by a manufacturer, usually one of nationally advertising prominence, forbidding its dealers and all other retail outlets from selling its product below a fixed price.

The state courts have reacted variously to that domestic legislation which seeks to sustain the fair trade practice. Michigan bans it, but elsewhere the idea has stood up.

Last week's opinion leaves open the question of GMC or any manufacturer distributing through established dealerships inserting a clause in the dealer's franchise limiting his sales to specified customers and banning distribution to others.

This comes about because of the facts of the Los Angeles operation. There the producer, acting under complaint from most of its dealers, pressured the other dealers into halting their sales to the discounters. This amounts to a conspiracy, the action of two or more parties against another person, which comes under the Sherman Act's interdiction.

The decision runs counter to a fact background which arose decades ago.

In its earlier days the automotive industry paid its greatest attention to production problems. Farthest down on the totem pole was selling its product. With many companies the dealer had little more standing than that of an order taker, and his position in the community was often a horse trader's one.

General Motors was the first of the producers to sense this relegated obscurity could lead to chaos. It instituted the policy of parceling out dealerships on a basis of territory, and the dealer's business acumen and financial integrity.

Upgrading the dealer worked so well for GMC that its competitors were forced to follow suit.

This rigid guidance from the factory has been copied by the manufacturers of other products as a tried and true pattern for maintaining an assured flow of sales. Fair trade is merely an extension of the system through tacking on a retail price control.

While the Los Angeles franchises lacked this fair trade clause, the discounter tangent taken by some of those dealers conceivably could disrupt the factory-dealer relation which it has taken so many years to build up to the mutual benefit of producer and seller in automobiles.

The implication in the Court's opinion is that this harmony may overlook the public's ability to shop around for bargains.

As between dealers in L.A. in the same product, namely, Chevrolets, this may have been the case, but there is no evidence the factory-dealer agreement within a given automotive family inhibits a prospective buyer from bargaining with competitor factory-dealer outlets.

On more than one occasion we have called fair trade an unrealistic approach to retailing. If nothing else, the consumer will wreck it by off-brand purchasing.

If, however, the Court at some later date should extend the GMC ruling into a more penetrating break in the factory-dealer arrangement, it may be the dealer would be eliminated as a private businessman in his home town, to be replaced by a factory conducted sales outlet.

This wouldn't help the home town and it's doubtful if the buyer would do any better.

**The Forest**

What is a forest? This is a question that commands a multitude of answers, all of them true, but no one of them adequate. Man has known the forest ever since he knew anything at all, but over the ages its role in his life has been one of constant change, growth and discovery.

The forest is among the most majestic offerings of nature — a place for rumination, for the healing of wounds, for a reconstitution of the mind and the body. A place for hiking, camping, and ancient sports.

A forest, silent and empty as it may seem, abounds with life. It is home, sanctuary and rest for an infinite number of living beings. The forest is fertile, pulsing, dynamic, charged with energy.

The forest has served man well ever since he came into being on this globe. It has been the source of the foods, the boards that provide him a means of creating shelter, logs and deadfall that feed his fires.

Now, in our own amazing time, the forest is much more. It is the ancient foundation on which one of the most advanced and exciting of our industries is based. That industry is wood products. The tree, transformed by the miracles of chemistry, is the raw material from which thousands of products, used by all of us come. Modern living and working standards are more dependent on the forest than most of us realize.

Will our forests survive, in the light of the tremendous demands made upon them? They can, because of tree farms and sustained yield planning which sees to it that the new growth equals or even exceeds the harvest. The forest's service to man is eternal.

**What About Ships?**

Whatever the relative merits of guided missiles or manned bombers to the nation's preparedness, one aspect of security, in peace or war, that has been neglected is shipbuilding.

Currently, Lloyd's Register lists the United States in ninth place among the non-communist shipbuilding nations of the world. It might at any time slip to 12th, its margin over Norway, The Netherlands and Poland being that slender.

The 426,000 tons of U. S. merchant shipping now building compares abysmally with the leading maritime producer, Japan, with its 3.25 million tons under construction. Because of their comparatively low wage scales, Japan's yards build a number of ships for foreign countries. Tonnage figures do not, therefore, reflect the competitive position of its merchant fleet.

The Soviet Union's figures do, however. These are anything but comforting to a nation that counts itself a world power, on land or sea. As of October the USSR had 464 vessels, totaling 4.2 million tons, on order or being built. The United States had 39.

Last year the Soviet Union took delivery of 129 ships, the United States 16.

This country's merchant fleet now comprises 900 vessels, the Soviet Union has 1,300. Total U. S. tonnage exceeds Russia's, but two-thirds of American merchant ships are more than 20 years old, whereas virtually the entire Soviet merchant fleet is under 10.

The SS United States was the last American liner to enter the transatlantic run. That was in 1952. Sight of the USSR's gleaming new Aleksandr Pushkin in Quebec Harbor is just one reminder of how badly the U. S. has slipped since.

Current developments again prove that taxes can go in only one direction — up.

**MOSTLY SUDS****Glancing Backwards In...****THE HERALD-PRESS****LOAN APPROVED FOR ST. JOSEPH****—1 Year Ago—**

The federal government has notified the City of St. Joseph that it has approved the 101 low rent elderly housing development.

The Housing and Home Finance Agency has approved \$1,424,661 loan for the construction and development of the high rise apartment building. Estimated cost of each of the apartments is \$11,104 equipped with kitchen equipment but not furnishings.

**LAKESHORE LANCERS CAPTURE RELAYS****—5 Years Ago—**

The Lakeshore Lancers Tuesday made the biggest trophy haul in their four years existence as they carted off the championship of the Berrien Springs Blossomtime relays.

Coach Glenn Arter's team prevented the Silver Dean's Dairy cup from being permanently retired by Kalamazoo University high which was seeking its third straight relays championship. Lakeshore also captured four other trophies along with numerous individual medals.

**STUDENT COUNCIL ELECTION HELD****—10 Years Ago—**

The "Cooperative" party upset the four-year control of the "Reliables" in student council elections at St. Joseph high

school yesterday. The platform of the winners was an inter-club council, a spring dance, and holding the Variety show two nights.

Dennis Williams was elected president; Dick Kesterke vice president; Marcia Helden, secretary, and Dee Doaks, treasurer.

**RED CROSS QUOTA IS 800 SWEATERS****—25 Years Ago—**

A staggering large quota for the American Red Cross is in the process of distribution in Berrien county. There is an item of 800 sweaters for this new quota. The quota now being gathered for shipment included only 450 sweaters.

Prize workers in St. Joseph include Mrs. William G. Fara who can be seen at any time with knitting needles flying. She has made 28 sweaters since last October. Champion at knitting socks is Mrs. Anna Thompson.

**ARE BUS BOYS****—35 Years Ago—**

Jack Davidson, George Ticknor, Raymond Hayes and Harry Billion have started work as bus boys in the YWCA cafeteria. Mrs. Harriet M. Newton is manager.

**CHOIR OFFICERS****—45 Years Ago—**

Officers for the First Evangelical choir were elected at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Johnson. The new president is

**Inside Washington****By HENRY CATHCART**

WASHINGTON — A handful of people have been trying vainly for years to persuade Detroit to stop building death-dealing autos. Now, suddenly, the Congress has become alerted to built-in auto design flaws and a marked reluctance on the part of auto makers to provide safety features.

Congressional hearings on auto safety needs are inspiring a stream of newspaper stories about the thousands of lives that could be saved annually if the auto makers would only place as much emphasis on safety as they do on horsepower and appearance of their products.

Perhaps the most telling argument against Detroit's negligence can be found in the statistics of the auto inspection office of the Washington, D.C., Department of Motor Vehicles. They show that more than 20 per cent of all new cars fail to pass inspection tests. These are new cars, mind you, not used vehicles or old jalopies whose parts are worn and tired.

Even without considering

safety features which are desirable but not mandatory, the 20 per cent figure is considered conservative. It involves such elementary matters as headlight defects, steering mechanism defects and the like. The problem relates not to design but to poor quality control and poorer inspection before the assembled vehicles leave the production line.

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**TRY AND STOP ME****By BENNETT CERF**

One of those insufferable after-dinner speakers who never knew when to stop (and had then left the hall immediately) inspired Adlai Stevenson to bring the festivities to a more cheerful close with, "Gentlemen, Samson slew a thousand in a night with the jawbone of an ass. Our guest speaker has just put two thousand to sleep with the same implement and in only half the time."

This was a bit of the wit of Adlai Stevenson — extracted from his speeches by Bill Adler — and here are some others.

1. (In 1952) "I don't feel like a gift from Providence and I really don't believe I am. I feel very much like a cornfed Illinois lawyer who's gotten into the big time unintentionally."

2. (Speaking about President Eisenhower) "Golf is a fine release from the tensions of office, but we are a little tired of holding the bag."

3. (In 1952) "I feel like the young man who was engaged to marry one of twin girls. Both were extraordinarily beautiful. His uncle asked him one day, 'When you want to kiss and hug your girl, how on earth do you

Miss Emma Arndt; vice president, Miss Harriet Rose; secretary and treasurer, Miss Louise Farnum, and director, Harry Johnson.

**HAS NEW METZ****—33 Years Ago—**

Dr. Hattie Schwendener has purchased a new model 1911 Metz runabout. The automobile is one of the neatest machines in the city.

**HIT BY BRICK****—75 Years Ago—**

A brick fell from the top of the wall at the Lake View hotel addition and struck a young man by the name of Schmul on the head, cutting a long gash and knocking him senseless. Dr. McIna was called and the wound was properly dressed.

**Factographs**

The "Little Old Lady of Threadneedle Street" refers to the Bank of England, which stands on London's Threadneedle Street.

The Canadian city of Toronto was named York, after the Duke of York, when it was first settled.



The self-service or do-it-yourself laundry dates back at least to 1832 the year a woman in London, England, set up a laundry consisting of a wash boiler, mangle, etc., and charged a penny for the use of the equipment. A larger community self-service laundry was established in Liverpool in 1842. Establishments of this type soon appeared in the United States and Europe.

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Twin City  
News

## B.H. BUYING LAND IN MAIN RENEWAL AREA

### First Four Of 300 Properties

#### Can't Enforce Open Occupancy, Says Attorney

Benton Harbor's major urban renewal project moved into the buying stage last night when the city commission authorized four property acquisitions totaling \$57,700.

It was the start of obtaining property in the project area that involves some 300 parcels and the demolition of 281 buildings in the multi-million dollar rejuvenation.

Closing agreements are expected next week on the four pieces of property that are scattered throughout the urban renewal area. City Manager

#### Water Rates For Summer Approved

Verdant lawns and gardens gained financial support from the Benton Harbor city commission last night. Annual summer water rates which amount to 1,500 gallons free a month were approved. The rates for June through September provide 500 cubic feet of water at the minimum cost of \$2.90 instead of the usual 300 cubic feet.

Don Stewart said bids for clearance of buildings will not be sought until property is acquired in more efficient groups.

The prices approved by the commission represented agreed terms between owners and the urban renewal office. The prices are within limits established by the federal agency, Stewart said.

Offers to sell were accepted from:

Edward and Ila Nelson, owners of an apartment house at 295 Brunson avenue, \$16,000.

Daniel and Myrtle Payne, owners of a single family rental residence at 106 Oakwood court behind the YMCA, \$7,200.

Troost Bros. Furniture, two-store warehouse building at Wall street and Colfax avenue, \$29,500.

Oscar and Ethel Mitchell, owners of a single family residence at 108 Bond street.

Stewart said some 30 to 40 other agreements are being processed indicating it will become regular procedure for the commission. Leslie Cripps, urban renewal director, estimated demolition will begin by early summer.

**ELDERLY HOUSING**

The Brunson hill area was partially cleared last year as

#### B.H. Budget Is Adopted; Aid Sought

Benton Harbor is seeking a federal grant to pay half the costs of \$514,000 in improvements to the water system. The city commission also adopted a \$2,365,032 budget last night with a Michigan State University survey of the police department and hospitalization for city employees added items because of a revenue increase. Stories on page 7.

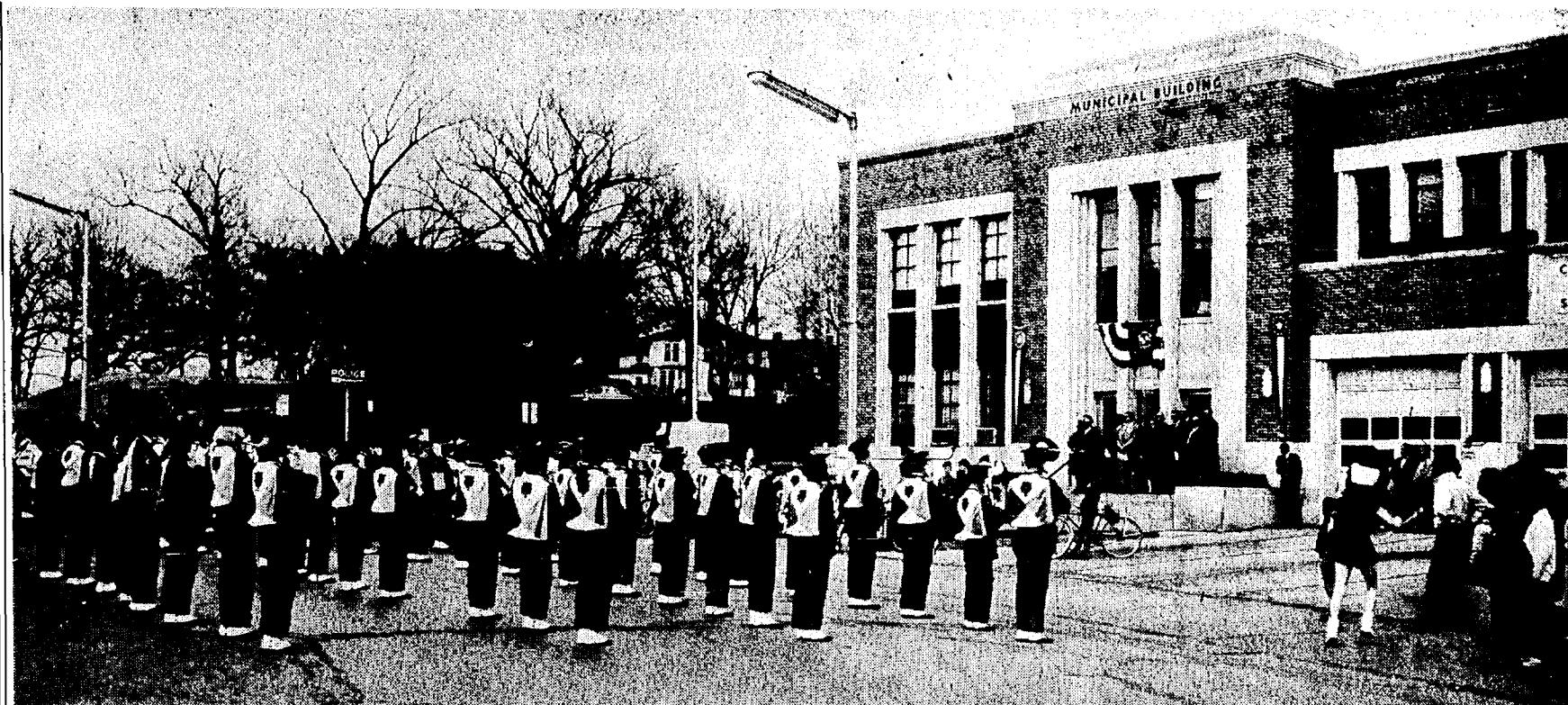
The site for an elderly housing project in a forerunner of the major urban renewal project covering 121 acres. Last night's agreements were the first authorized by the commission since the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development formally approved the project in February.

Other urban renewal matters before the commission:

— Unanimous approval of a conflict-of-interest policy requiring commissioners and city officials engaged in the project to disclose any holdings they may have in property to be acquired. City Atty. Ronald Sonder said he also would advise officials to reveal memberships in fraternal or religious organizations dealing with the project.

— Establishment of acquisition policies which had been presented earlier.

— A notice that a statement



UNPRECEDENTED CONCERT: The front of city hall became a band mall last night as 100 Tiger musicians serenaded the city commission before its regular meeting. An invitation to the Benton Harbor schools' music department to attend the

commission session turned into a full dress parade with spectators and the band presenting an unprecedented concert. Director Bernie Kuschel said it was the band's way of thanking the commission for its resolutions of tribute. Also recognized

by the commission during National Music Week were Eugene Rieckhoff, junior high band director; Miss Virginia Archer, head of vocal music at the high school, and Mrs. Gussie Holliday of the junior high vocal department. (Staff photo)

## BHEA Claims 75% Of Teachers

### AT ODDS WITH LANSING

#### St. Joe Resumes Fight To Back Home Rule Principle

Compulsory binding arbitration in disputes involving public employees was opposed Monday night in a resolution adopted by the St. Joseph city commission.

It was the second time in as many weeks that the commission has taken a stand supporting the principle of home rule.

The second bill (HB-3354) is similar to the first, the league reported, except it applies only to police and firemen with the added provision that the arbitrators' decision can be made retroactive to the beginning of the fiscal year.

The second bill was passed in the house April 20 on a 70-29 vote, the league reported, and is also in the Senate Labor committee.

Senators have heard little objection to the bills, said the league's newsletter. "Silence will mean consent," it added in urging quick action by local governments in expressing their disapproval.

Arbiters selected by both parties or the state mediation director would, after a formal hearing, issue a binding order enforceable in circuit court.

This bill passed the house last year and was defeated by one vote in the senate. It is still in

the Senate Labor committee and can be reported out any time, according to the Michigan Municipal League, which suggested local governments oppose the legislation.

**SIMILAR BILL**

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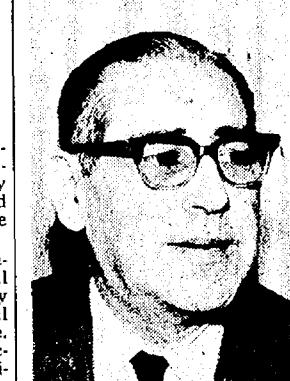
The second bill was passed in the house April 20 on a 70-29 vote, the league reported, and is also in the Senate Labor committee.

Senators have heard little objection to the bills, said the league's newsletter. "Silence will mean consent," it added in urging quick action by local governments in expressing their disapproval.

These bills provide for outsiders telling cities what to do,"

### Caplan Reappointed To Head Fund Drive

#### Campaign To Help 700,000 Jews Abroad



JOSEPH CAPLAN

opportunities for life-saving and rebuilding."

A program May 15 in the Whitcomb hotel, St. Joseph, will kick off the drive.

The two areas of most acute need are in Israel, where a high rate of immigration continues, and in France, where refugees from Africa and other areas have swamped Jewish welfare organizations.

The 1966 campaign presents one of its greatest challenges," the drive leader stated. "We must regard these increased obligations not as burdens but as

### Fighting Union As 'Agent'

#### B.H. Board Votes To Verify Petitions

The Benton Harbor Education Association officers last night made a firm bid for recognition as bargaining agent for the district's some 400 teachers.

Association President Claude I. Cowles told board of education members his group has petitions signed by at least 75 per cent of the certified teachers in the Benton Harbor school district.

School board members, in a special meeting, voted unanimously in support of having the petition signatures verified by three clergymen, Robert Payne, assistant superintendent for personnel, was instructed by the board to appoint the clergymen.

#### UNION BLASTS BOARD

William Snyder, president of the Benton Harbor Federation of Teachers, Local 1342 (AFL-CIO) this morning branded the board action as "collusion." He said if the board complies with the BHEA request, it will be faced with, perhaps, the biggest unfair labor practices charge yet to exist in the State of Michigan.

Supt. Albert C. Johnson last night said there is a possibility that the verified petitions could be received by the board at its next regular meeting next Monday. He added that the board then could vote on whether to name the association the bargaining agent.

The association since last September has sought the bargaining agent's post. So has the rival union. Efforts to hold a faculty-wide election on the issue have failed with the failure to reach a settlement on an unfair labor practices charge, brought by the union against the school board.

Union President Snyder had sent a letter to the board seeking a compromise bargaining committee, comprised of union, association and school board representatives. Board members refused to have the letter read, because it had not been received in time to be

### STEVENSVILLE EVENT

#### Parade's End Means Barbecue's Beginning

The finish of the Grand Floral parade Saturday will signal the beginning of the fifth annual Blossomtime chicken barbecue sponsored by Lakeshore Future Farmers of America at the high school on Cleveland avenue, Stevensville. Tickets at \$1.50 each are available at the high school or from Lakeshore FFA members. They also will be available at the door. The menu includes a half-chicken, roll, potato salad, baked beans, cherry pie, and coffee or punch. Serving will end at 6:30 p.m.

included on their special meeting agenda. They agreed, however, it may be included as a communication at the regular board meeting Monday.

#### JOHNSON'S POSITION

A state statute of 1965 paves the way to board action regarding the bargaining issue, according to Supt. Johnson, who observed:

— The school board, under the law, can give bargaining rights to a faculty organization which can prove that its membership includes at least 50 per cent of the certified teachers in the district.

— Another organization still could force an election, if it submits petitions containing at least 30 per cent of the district's teachers.

The teachers' union last February was reported to have 80 members. However, non-members conceivably could vote in support of union request for an election.

#### COWLES LETTER

The Education Association last night made its bid in the form of a letter, signed by Cowles and dated April 25. This was ample time to have it included on the agenda. Cowles did not say how many names were on the petitions, but did say they represented at least 75 per cent of the faculty. Cowles accused the union of using delaying tactics in the latter's unfair labor practice charge, giving rights to organize.

Snyder today stated:

"Last night, I never before witnessed collusion of this nature on the part of a legal body comprised of elected representatives who represent the people (the school board) and a supposedly professional organization (the BHEA), which will ultimately result in utter

defiance of the state laws.

"The board of education should be advised that in the event they comply with the request of the Benton Harbor Education Association, they will be held responsible for the meetings and predicted that the first one would be held early in June. Official notices must be published before hearings can be held."

The petitions seek regulations on the keeping of animals ranging from chickens to horses. Proposals have been presented previously to the board with horses the main target but an ordinance has never been adopted.

In the three and a half hour session the board moved through a busy docket that included naming a township standing committee, setting a junk pickup day and other items:

Township standing committees named were: Finances, budgets, procedures and zoning — Einar (Larry) Larsen, chairman, Gale Smith and Donald Maxham; auditing, ordinances and insurance — Smith, chairman, Donald Maxham, Larson; airport board representative — Larson; fire board, Warren Lake, chairman, Edwin Brink, John Helsley, Robert Wein, David Buxoar; buildings, maintenance and rubbish control — Maxham, chairman, Carl Reschke, Larson; police, traffic, roads and lights — Brink, chairman, Lake, Larson;

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### Martindale School Bids Are Opened

#### Will Discuss Alternate Plans

Martindale board of education last night opened bids for construction of a major addition but delayed awarding contracts pending a discussion of deductible alternates.

The low base bid was about \$8,000 more than budgeted 18 months ago for the addition of four classrooms, general purpose room and kitchen facilities at the Benton Heights school. However, selection of alternates will enable the project to meet the budget.

Seven bids for general construction were Holland Construction Co. \$11,719; Greenman Construction \$125,428; Pearson \$125,600; Summerfelt \$127,037; Gosnick-Gand \$129,996; Gosnick \$132,220 and Sigo \$138,617.

Plumbing bids were: Ideal Plumbing Co. \$44,398; City \$40,443 and Field \$42,600.

Electrical bids: Hallman Electric \$11,400; Barger \$14,784; Story \$14,956 and R&D \$14,975.

Parrish Equipment & Supply bid \$8,551.60 and Canton China \$9,481 on kitchen equipment.

The addition which will eliminate use of the two-room Martindale school, built more than 55 years ago, was authorized by district voters last June with approval of \$162,000 bond issue.

The Fair avenue grill, 136 South Fair avenue, failed Saturday morning by Benton Harbor police, is not operated by the couple who formerly had run the establishment under the name Tim and Al's.

Timalee Sanders, 1043 Bishop avenue, said he has not operated the restaurant for more than a year, adding that for the past year, he has been employed as a machinist at Gast Manufacturing Corp. Sanders said he and his wife, Alma, once rented the space and conducted the business.

### Pier Kindergarten Roundup Tomorrow

Kindergarten roundup at Pier school in Hagar township will be held tomorrow from 1-4 p.m., Principal Gerald Ritenburgh announced. Only parents are requested to attend the session. Children who will be five years old by Dec. 1, 1966, can be enrolled on presentation of birth certificates. A nurse will be present to distribute health record forms and answer questions.

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## REQUEST MILLAGE EXTENSION IN BUCHANAN

BUCHANAN — The Buchanan school district board formally voted Monday night to place a proposal on the school election ballot June 13 to extend the 2.5 mill building and site fund levy. The levy permission expires in December. The extension asked is for two years. The millage extension will yield \$138,000 to the district, Bernard Ellis, president of the board,

reported previously. He said \$116,000 would be needed to supplement available funds of \$392,000 for building the new school on the west side of the district.

Donald Trull, high school principal, recommended that the senior trip, in its present form, be discontinued starting with the class of 1969 and replaced with some event in which all

students could participate. Trull said this year's trip, costing \$29 per student, was set for May 28-30. It is a boat trip from Detroit to Mackinac Island and back and so 82 of the 140 seniors have signed up to date he said. He noted that the cost of the trip last year was \$45 per student.

School Superintendent Pierre T. Bailey reported that the

district will receive \$3,930.16 for improvement to the elementary library under the U. S. elementary and secondary education act of 1965 and that \$617.72 was received at the Buchanan district's share of the assets of the Gitchell school district, a portion of which was recently annexed to the Buchanan district. The junior-senior high school will receive \$1,585.40 for library improvement.

## VAN BUREN'S SCHOOL ELECTION CHALLENGED

### LMC Announces New Dean Of Technologies

Has Served At  
Highly Rated  
Dixie School



JESSE J. DEFORE

A former department head at one of the top two-year technical institutes in the nation will join Lake Michigan college in August as new dean of technologies and skills.

The newcomer, Jesse J. DeFore, presently at Florida State university to complete studies for his doctorate in June, was an instructor and department head for 16 years at Southern Technical institute, a two-year branch of Georgia Tech at Marietta, Ga.

Southern Technical institute, according to LMC President Robert Plummer, is one of the three top-rated two-year technical institutes in the nation.

DeFore's addition to the LMC staff will greatly enhance the technical side of the educational program here, Dr. Plummer indicated.

The new dean will join LMC on August 22 for the 1966-67 school year at a salary of \$12,830.

During his 16 years as a teacher and department head at Southern Technical institute he had 13 programs approved by the Engineering Council for Professional development.

**MERCER GRADUATE**

He obtained his undergraduate education at Mercer college specializing in chemistry, physics, mathematics and civil

engineering. His master's degree was in physics.

DeFore, 39, was born in Bibb county Georgia. He and his wife, Mary a former teacher have three children — Lydia 6, Evelyn, 4, and Dorothy 3.

DeFore has served on various accreditation teams for the certification of engineering technicians.

He has also served as the technical vocational consultant on various projects, including ones sponsored by the Oak Ridge Associated Universities and the University of Tennessee.

He visited England in 1961 as an American participant in a technical teachers exchange.

DeFore has served as an assistant editor for the Journal of Engineering Education.

### Apartment Plan OK'd In Coloma

#### Commission Votes For Zoning Change

COLOMA — Unanimous approval was given by the Coloma city commission Monday night at a special public hearing to a petition for rezoning from residential to commercial property on the northeast corner of the intersection of Royal road and West street.

Contractor Charles K. Smith, who along with his wife Marilyn and William Barrett have planned an apartment building for the site, requested the change which was approved with two restrictions.

First, the property must not be used for anything other than an apartment building or it will revert to a residential classification. Second, residential rather than commercial property-line rules will be observed, thus allowing construction no closer than seven feet to any property line.

The commission heard a petition signed by 27 residents which blasted the rezoning as "the first wedge" which would open the entire area to commercial zoning and thus lower property values.

Mayor Glenn Randall said it was his opinion that the objections to the one-story eight-unit building stemmed from misconceptions and concern about rezoning.

Construction is scheduled to begin as soon as the 20-day waiting period set by the commission expires. Coloma has one other apartment building, a five-unit structure built

by Tom DeRosa in 1964.

In other business, Mayor Randall read a letter from the Michigan Public Service Commission which announced the planned installment of new signals at the Paw Paw street railroad crossing within 120 days.

The scene of a double fatality last fall, the crossing has subsequently been investigated by the public service commission. No mention was made in the letter of the cost of the new signals to the city.

City Clerk Florence Davis read a letter from State Sen. Michael O'Brien, chairman of the health and welfare committee, explaining a bill which has already passed the House and is now in the Senate.

This would take the fee system and registration books out of the hands of clerks of cities and townships of less than 50,000 population and give the power of these registrations to the county clerks.

The committee voted to send letters to Gov. Romney, Sen. Charles Zollar and Sen. O'Brien urging the defeat of the bill.

The commission voted to replace a two-inch water pipe on Center street which runs to Ruth's Laundromat with a six-inch main with the city and laundromat owner Bernard Williamson sharing the cost of the 200-foot installation which is estimated at \$800.

Also approved were the purchase of a calculator for the city assessor and treasurer at \$688.72 and a Rainbow Girls car wash with the restriction that the project must not interfere with traffic.

The commission will hold its regular meeting next Monday.

### Suit Says K-12 Plan Is Illegal

#### Asks Cancellation Of Vote Slated For Next Monday

By BILL HAMILTON  
Paw Paw Bureau

PAW PAW — School elections, under the state re-organization plan which seeks to place all school districts into districts offering K-12 education, are being challenged as illegal and unconstitutional by residents of two Van Buren school districts.

A suit filed in Van Buren circuit court seeks to stop an election called for May 9, in which eleven non-high-school districts will be assigned to adjacent high school districts, if a majority of the voters approve.

The complaint, filed by Niles attorney Lee Boothby, lists the plaintiffs in the case as Alfred Wood, Jean Thomas, and Glenn Hessey in the Wood primary school district (Bangor township); and Arthur Brohm and Archie Hemmeway in the Code primary school district (Hampton township).

Named as defendants in the suit are the Van Buren Intermediate school district and Elmer Van Dyke, intermediate superintendent.

At issue is Public Act 289 of 1964, which calls for the elimination of districts which do not offer high school education. The act was implemented by study committees formed in each area who made recommendations on how to achieve this objective.

#### SUGGESTED PLAN

In Van Buren, the study committee recommended that all 11 present high school districts be retained, but that 11 primary districts be annexed to nearby school districts.

Those recommendations were: The Crow, Hadaway, and Beechdale districts in Allegan county, and the Lacota district in Van Buren, to South Haven. The Code and Celery Center districts to Decatur.

The Breedsville, Bangor Center, and Wood districts to Bangor.

The Grand Junction district to Bloomingdale.

The Lakeside district to be split between Bangor and Bloomingdale.

In addition to many technical and legal questions, the suit alleges that the question as

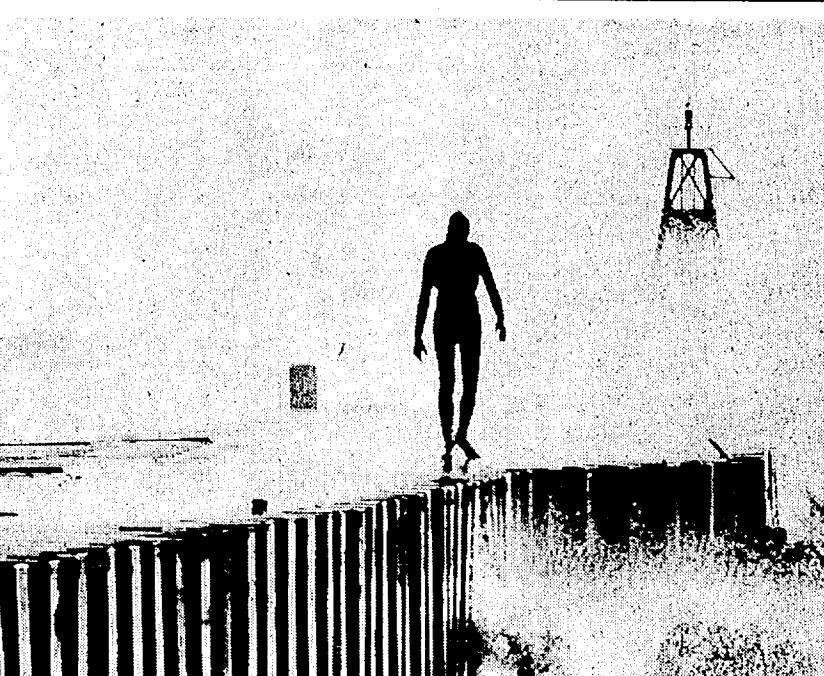
placed on the ballot is "unintelligible and misleading," and charges that the choice of polling places has been made so as to give greater advantage to "yes" votes than to "no" votes.

#### GERRYMANDER

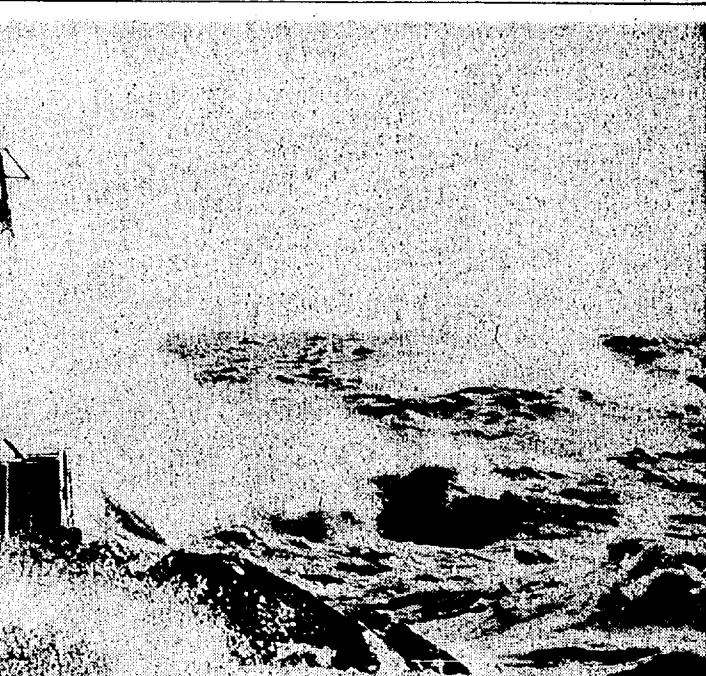
The suit charges that Van Dyke and the intermediate school board have chosen polling places only within school districts which have attempted to annex the primary school districts, and away from those primary school districts which have voted against annexation.

The suit also charges that the method of the election will effectively disenfranchise the electors of the primary districts, because they will have no effective voice in the election.

(The so-called "Method 1" being used in the proposed election calls for everybody to vote on the question as a whole, with all ballots being counted in one



SWIMMERS TAKE ON ANGRY SEA: One of two young South Haven men walks near end of pier lashed by waves in Sunday's gales before taking a dip in the chill water. Spray from pounding



surf nearly obscures beacon tower at end of pier. Boiling seas provided an uncommon swimming spot for the two.



HEADED FOR COOLING DIP: Dressed in rubber wet suits, Dave Quinn (left) and Karl Hosier plunge into frigid Lake Michigan off the South Haven pier. The South Haven youths' unusual Sunday afternoon diversion included several dips into the wind-whipped lake waters, chilled to within a few degrees of freezing by northwest gales. (Staff photos by Jim Donohue)

lump total. Technically, therefore, even if each of the primary districts voted 100 per cent against annexation, the annexation would carry if a greater number of people in the rest of the high school districts favored the move.)

In challenging the wording on the proposed ballot, the suit alleges that the question merely asks if the proposed reorganization should be approved.

This, the suit alleges, does not

portray the chief features of the proposition. In addition, it charges that the "approved plan" is not required to be on file at any public place or official location open to the public.

#### CLAIMS POSSIBLE LOSS

In asking for an injunctive order and a restraining order prohibiting the May 9 election, the suit alleges that unless such orders are issued, the plaintiffs will suffer loss, injury, and damage in that their property may be taken without due process of law, and public monies will be expended illegally by the Van Buren Intermediate school district for election expenses.

Whether or not a hearing on the suit can be held before the May 9 election was unanswered yesterday. Van Buren county clerk Rex Martin said that circuit Judge David Anderson, Jr., would not be in his offices all this week.

The commissioners, in other business, chose by secret ballot six members for the temporary Bridgeman library board.

The city voted April 4 to establish a library. Those appointed Monday night to the board are to serve until the spring elections in 1967 at which time Loezeau, Waldo Bangert, John a regular board will be elected.

The appointees are Joseph Meredith, Mrs. James Thompson Mrs. William Lagoni and Mrs. Leonard Stelter. The members are to meet and chose their officers from among themselves.

#### STREET REPAIRS

In other business the commission voted to:

—Call for bids of .6 miles of construction and repair on Pearl street Davis lane, Popolardo street and part of Clark street, all in the School subdivision, with bid openings June 6;

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They approved the final payment for elm tree removal to the Reinhardt property from agricultural to residential.

Barriemore County road commission totaling \$334.

In other business, the board

## Deputy Wins Chase-- It's No Soft Touch

It was a night of rounding up runaway horses for area law enforcement agencies. Two incidents of loose animals were reported.

Benton township police patrolman Donald Watkins was dispatched to the 1400 block of Reeder street about 6 a. m. to day to corral three steeds roaming in that area.

Watkins said he, with the un-

wanted help of a Collie dog in the area, only managed to

chase the horses down Reeder to Napier avenue rather than corral them. The owners of the animals showed up and took charge of the horses.

A Berrien sheriff's deputy also turned cowboy last night, and lived to regret it.

Deputy Jon Nichols had been enlisted to aid in the capture of

several horses that escaped from a riding stable near Sodus, owned by Dr. A. W. Winter. He

(Nichols) made the mistake of catching one. "It was a long way to the squad car," he said, "so I thought I'd ride the beast."

Nichols indicated he hadn't ridden bareback for a long time and said, "If the animal felt as much pain as the rider did, heaven help him."

The other horses were either caught by Dr. Winter and his family, or returned home on their own.

In other business, the board

### S.J. Library To Be Closed

Mrs. Mayme Bachelder, St. Joseph librarian, announced today that the St. Joseph public library will be closed all day Wednesday to permit the library staff to attend the Michigan Library association district meeting at Coldwater.

The commission will hold its regular meeting next Monday.

## Eau Claire Fire Chief Reappointed

EAU CLAIRE — The Eau Claire Volunteer Firemen's association held its annual election last night at the fire station. Reappointed fire chief by the association was David C. Walker, who appointed as his first assistant Junior Haskins. Elected officers were Frank Weber, Jr., second assistant; C. Edward Young and Frank James, fire captains, and Ronald Kari, secretary-treasurer. The association announced last night it shortly

will begin to assign fire numbers in Berrien and Pipestone townships.

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